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CES self help promotes pride, ownership

by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Hidden among the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron's cavernous warehouses, equipment yards and personnel offices is one of the jewels of Holloman Air Force Base, the 49th CES Self Help center.

Safeguarding a neatly organized warehouse bursting with approximately \$100,000 worth of equipment, Master Sgt. Marwin Tala del Cid, 49th CES Self Help Center project manager, and his team of structural experts oversee numerous self help projects from start to finish.

The Self Help Center's main focus is to minimize the labor of the various base agencies and save Team Holloman money, said Sergeant Tala del Cid.

When the CE Self Help staff is approached by Team Holloman members wishing to initiate a self help project, Sergeant Tala del Cid and his staff discuss the project to determine if the work request is a CE responsibility and within CE authority to approve or if other base agencies would be more capable of tackling the project.

"We ask technical questions concerning the expertise of the Airmen or civilians involved, the amount of manning and the length of time the project will take to determine whether those



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

Senior Airman Leif Mollander, CES structural apprentice, opens a "contractor kit" containing a saws-all, flashlight, circular saw, jig-saw and a drill. Contractor kits are issued out for general purpose projects such as drywall installation and cabinetry.

involved will need further assistance," said Sergeant Tala del Cid.

Sergeant Tala del Cid said he relies on the structural expertise of Staff

Sergeant Brandon Gaskill, 49th CES assistant self help project manager, and Senior Airman Leif Mollander, CES structural apprentice, to ensure the job

gets done right the first time.

Sergeant Tala del Cid and his struc-

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Question: Why did you implement this policy and what is its importance to Team Holloman?

Brig. Gen Cichowski: As the letter states, I believe a professional image is absolutely essential to the success of our Air Force and military life. In light of that, we wanted to take this chance to remind our Airmen that we are ALL on duty, 24/7, 365 days a year. That means our image and the picture the American public sees of us everyday must be the sharpest, cleanest image around. It means that if we look sharp, we will BE sharp when our nation calls us to do our duty.

Question: How will it help Airmen understand the rules better?

Brig. Gen. Cichowski: This letter should make it clear to Team Holloman what we

expect, and what the rules for Holloman AFB are—no exceptions. Again, if we display a professional, sharp image, we will take care of the mission in the same manner. The letter also outlines proper attire, etc while in PT gear, and while in civilian clothes. Many Airmen believe that if they're on leave, it's OK to wear shirts with holes in them, grow a beard and wear earrings (for males) while going to Finance, the MPF or even the Commissary to get some errands done. That is incorrect. If you're here to do official business on base, you're "On-Duty" whether you're on leave or TDY or whatever. Again, I go back to our 24/7 status. Our nation counts on us to be ready at all times, and whether we're just taking some leave around the house here, or back home in "whatever City USA", how we carry

ourselves and the first impression people get often is earned by how we look. You've seen the recent commentary by the Chief on never getting a second chance to make a first impression, and he's absolutely right.

Question: In the letter you mention squadron leadership as having the authority to determine compliance with these standards...does that mean just squadron commanders have the lead on this?

Brig. Gen. Cichowski: Squadron commanders have the overall responsibility for enforcing this issue, but I'm looking for first sergeants, supervisors, and really ALL Airmen to do the right thing, and take responsibility for how their unit or flight maintains and adheres to these standards.

We have an old expression in the Air Force that basically says "mentoring"

doesn't necessarily mean telling someone they're great all the time, it means taking the time to tell folks when they're NOT doing something right and helping them meet those high standards—this includes work related duties, personal behavior and of course dress and appearance. Mentoring means teaching the younger Airmen among us what we have learned in our AF careers, and what standards we still hold true, even today. Giving someone feedback is the right thing to do, as long as it's done directly and professionally. So, our standards of dress and appearance are the same—straightforward and professional at all times.

Refer to FW/CC Dress and Appearance Policy Letter at holloman-web/fw/commanders-corner for further guidance.



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The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander.

If you've attempted to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.

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Contractors, developers tour Holloman

Fighter wing enters next housing privatization phase



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Ms. Vicki Sharp, Vice President of Business Development for the Asset Management Group, inspects a kitchen July 26 during a site survey here.

**by Airman 1st Class
Stephen Collier**
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

In the next step toward privatizing housing on Holloman Air Force Base, the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron hosted an industry forum for more than 30 contractors here July 26.

The forum provided interested corporate partners and developers information on the Air Combat Command Group Two Housing Privatization project that groups Holloman and Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., into the same contract.

Mr. Joe Lippis, 49th CES contract privatization manager, said the forum gave developers a hands-on view of conditions within Holloman's housing units.

"This meeting allows these developers to formulate an evaluation for their proposals they will be submitting in September," Mr.

Lippis said.

"After which, Holloman will be less than a year away from the start of construction that will ultimately provide families with bigger and better housing that mirrors market standards," he said.

A total of 1,413 military housing units, as well as maintenance and support facilities, will be leased to a developer for a 50 year contract at Holloman. The developer will be responsible for demolishing approximately 730 units, constructing 597 new ones and renovating 582 existing units.

Currently, all Air Force major commands are on track for privatizing their own housing units and are expected to be fully integrated with commercial contractors by 2007, said Mr. Lippis.

Col. Gail Colvin, 49th Mission Support Group commander, said the 49th Fighter Wing will benefit from the privatization process because it eliminates the con-

straints of the traditional military construction process.

"This new program means that quality, modern housing with a real neighborhood feel will become a reality for Holloman Airmen far earlier than we thought," Colonel Colvin said.

Privatization will cut the taxpayers' burden and will make larger companies with experts in community development more accessible to the base community, she said.

"This is an exciting partnership and a viable option to bring new homes to our Airmen," she said.

Privatization is the result of the Congress-enacted Military Housing Privatization Initiative that was included in the 1996 National Defense Authorization Act.

The act allows the military services to use private contractors to finance and build housing based on the needs of their individual local communities.

BRIEFS

BAH waivers

Team Holloman members may apply for BAH waivers based on the following conditions: A: Low-cost or no-cost PCS as designated on members orders: In this case the member can request the previous duty station BAH rate if it is higher than the new duty station. This is the only waiver applicable to members without dependents. B: Dependent restricted tours: Default rate is the dependent location - if the member's duty station has a higher BAH rate, the member may request a waiver. C: PME: Members who leave their families to attend PME may apply for a waiver based on dependent location or previous duty station. Members must be attending a course 20 weeks or more and less than one year. Military couples are not eligible, unless they have a child. Single members are not eligible. Anyone requesting a waiver can submit a request in writing and include a copy of PCS orders. AFPC/DPFFOC will only accept requests from MAJCOMs; all requests will require AF/DPDF approval/disapproval. If you have any questions, please contact AFPC/DPFFOC, DSN: 665-3415.

Autograph signing

New Mexico State University Aggies football coach Hal Mumme will be signing autographs from 10:25 to 10:45 a.m., today at the courtroom in building 29. Coach Mumme and the Aggies football team have chosen the F-117A stealth fighter as their backdrop for their 2005-2006 offensive strategy of "air attack."

Albuquerque Tricentennial

As part of the Albuquerque Tricentennial celebration, August is Agricultural and Culinary Arts Month. Events include wine and cheese seminars, chefs' auctions, barbeques and winemaker dinners. September is Architecture Month.

For more information on Albuquerque's Tricentennial, visit the Web site at www.albuquerque300.org.

Guam tour extended

Effective Jan. 1, 2006, Guam's

new tour length will change from 24 months accompanied and 15 months unaccompanied to 36 months accompanied and 24 months unaccompanied. Additionally, the Air Force will consider Guam a long tour option. Based on the Jan. 1, 2006, implementation date, the following applies: Members selected for an assignment with a report no later than date through Dec. 31 will continue to be selected using the short tour criteria while members with a report no later than date of Jan. 1, 2006, or after will be selected using the long tour criteria.

For more information, contact the relocations office at 572-5049.

Varsity soccer tryouts

The Holloman's men's varsity soccer team will be conducting tryouts for this year's fall season at 10 a.m., Aug. 6 at the turf field. Tryouts are open to all active duty personnel and dependents 18 and older. For more information, please contact Staff Sgt. Christopher Tomlinson, 572-3924 or Staff Sgt. Kevin Manoney, 572-7575.

First term Airmen

There will be a first-term Airman informed decision briefing at 7:50 a.m., Aug. 15 and Aug. 25 at the Professional Development Center, building 451. This briefing is mandatory for all first-term Airmen within 15 months or less of separating from the Air Force.

Please call Master Sgt. Laura Santos, 572-5512, for more information.

Mixed bowling league

The Friday Night Mixed League at Holloman's Desert Lanes Bowling Center begins its fall season this September. Each team consists of two men and two women, three games per night, Handicap League. The bowling center can provide teammates if needed. There will be payouts for all bowlers at the end of the season. The cost is \$9 to \$10 per person, per night, shoes not included. The league is open to all active duty, retirees, dependents and U.S. government employees working at Holloman and their spouses. Bowlers must be at least 18 years of age.

For more information, contact

Ms. Kara M. Noya at 572-1916, or sign up at the bowling alley.

Prometric Testing

As of Sept. 2, the Base Education Office will no longer offer Prometric Testing. However, the University of Phoenix, Holloman Campus, will begin offering the same type of examinations via Pearson VUE testing. If you prefer to use a Prometric Test Center, there are three locations in El Paso and one location in Las Cruces. The exact locations can be determined by going to the Prometric Web site at www.prometric.com. For more information, contact the Education Services Officer, Mr. Ken Derenzy, at 572-7027 or University of Phoenix, Holloman Campus, at 479-4856. Note that DANTES, PME, CDC and distance learning testing will not be affected by this change.

HOSC Thrift Shop

The Holloman Officers' Spouse Club Thrift Shop will be open one day for back-to-school shopping from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 13. There are 3 Futons, 2 slider-rocking chairs, dressers, and many other items available. The shop will re-open for the fall season from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 6. Consignments will not be accepted until Sept. 20. Donations are still accepted over the summer in bins located behind the store.

Pool party

The Base Chapel will host a youth pool party from 8 to 11 p.m., Aug. 6 at the base pool. The event will be open to all youth on base ages 12 to 17. For more information, contact Ms. Aimee Hart at 479-9658.

Youth and Pee wee Football League

Registration for Youth and Pee wee football for Holloman has started. Last chance for registration from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 6 at the Base Exchange hallway from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost for registration is \$50. For more information, call Mr. Matthew Jones at 921-0532 or 572-3775.

Officers' Club closed

The Officers' Club will be closed through Tuesday due to ongoing remodeling and maintenance.

BRIEFS

Buglers needed

The Holloman Honor Guard is seeking trumpet musicians interested in volunteering for, or joining the honor guard to play Taps. Musicians are needed for funerals, MIA/POW Table ceremonies and other local events where it is appropriate to render Taps. The Holloman Honor Guard performs at military funerals throughout most of southern New Mexico and Tex-

as. Holloman Honor Guard needs buglers for funerals held at other locations such as Alamogordo, Las Cruces and other local cities. The Holloman Honor Guard would like to hear your rendition of Taps. If you are interested in volunteering your talents or joining the honor guard as a cadre member and/or musician, call Tech. Sgt. Marty Haynes at 572-2077 or e-mail marty.haynes@holloman.af.mil.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from July 27 to Monday.

Tickets:

Seven tickets were issued: three for shoplifting, two for possession of a controlled substance, one for speeding and one for reckless driving.

Civilian arrests:

July 29: An Airman was arrested by Alamogordo Department of Public Safety for underage drinking.

Property loss, damage or theft

July 27: An NCO reported two ramps were missing at building 35. The ramps had been damaged earlier and were last seen in the back of a government vehicle.

July 30: A civilian reported an Airman had thrown a cell phone into a pool between dormitories 330 and 331. The Airman was also cited for underage drinking.

Patrol response

July 27: A dependent reported she saw a five-foot, nine-inch to six-foot man in a silver minivan taking photographs of residents in the base housing area, and that the man had approached

her daughter asking her to walk across the street.

July 27: A civilian reported a dependent cut her finger on a meat slicer at the base commissary. The dependent was treated on site.

July 28: A dependent reported another dependent had fallen off a ladder on Valencia Loop. The dependent was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment.

July 28: A civilian reported a suspicious package at building 232. Tests confirmed there were no harmful substances present.

July 29: A government civilian reported finding possible marijuana in a moving van at the West Gate.

July 29: A civilian gate guard reported he was approached by an individual who claimed to be in the military without proof of identification. Investigation revealed the civilian had previously managed to sneak onto the base.

July 29: A foot patrol discovered underage drinking in dormitory 340. Three Airmen and a dependent were detained.

Aug. 1: A civilian reported a co-worker had fallen down at building 761. The subject was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for further treatment.

Self help

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tural experts inspect the project from start to finish ensuring a smooth process and giving technical advice, if needed.

“Any member of my staff is

qualified to inspect the projects,” said Sergeant Tala del Cid.

The Self Help Center is currently assisting with several projects, including the placement of peep-holes

in the doors of the Airmen’s dormitory rooms.

Sergeant Gaskill said CE core training provides the foundation of knowledge needed for the self help

staff to be able to expertly advise Team Holloman members on a variety of projects.

“On this current dormitory project, I will show the Airmen involved how to complete the work,” said Sergeant Gaskill. “Working at the Self Help Center allows us to apply our CE knowledge and see the fruits of our labors,” he said.

The Self Help Center’s busiest time of year is the beginning of the fiscal year.

Most customers come in near the end of the fiscal year when funds for their projects usually become available, said Sergeant Tala del Cid.

The Self Help Center staff encourages those involved in self help projects to research the projects and have the required Air Force form 332, Base Civil Engineer Work Request’s ready for review as early as possible.

By reviewing work orders early, the self help center staff is able to determine if funds are available for the project and ensure the project is not only initiated but completed,” said Sergeant Tala del Cid.

The 49th Self Help Center’s service is for all Holloman facilities Team members and tenant units including the German air force.

Sergeant Tala del Cid said his goal as CE Self Help project manager is to promote self help projects around the base to improve the quality of life, beautify the installation and promote ownership in Team Holloman’s resources.

The CE Self Help Center is located at 550 Tabosa Ave, building 55 and is open from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Friday until 11 a.m. and closes the third Wednesday of each month for Readiness training. Self help staff members may be reached at 572-5467.

On the side

- * Have 332s reviewed before the start date of the project; as soon as funds are available, the staff can provide assistance.
- * Coordinate 332s through the 49th Fighter Wing Safety Office, the 49th CES Fire Department and unit CC or 1st Sgt.
- * Return tools in a timely manner and coordinate with self-help if tools are needed for a longer duration.

BRIEFS

Munitions area closing

The munitions storage area will be closed Aug. 15 to Aug. 26 for inventory. Review all your munitions requirements for this period and submit issue requests as soon as possible as no normal business will be conducted during the inventory. All issues should be picked up prior to Aug. 15. Only emergency requests approved by the Maintenance Group Commander will be honored during the inventory.

Please direct questions to Munitions Accountability at 572-1612 or 572-1613.

Middle two meeting

There is a Middle Two meeting at 3 p.m., the third Tuesday of every month at the enlisted club.

Online visitor passes

Holloman members can now request visitor passes via the internet at the Web site *sfmis.csd.disa.mil/SFMIS5/DoD.html*. Visitor information can be filled out before going to Pass and ID. When arriving at Pass and ID, inform the clerk about the Web request and the clerk will verify the information and issue a pass. The request can be submitted 30 days in advance. For more information, call Pass and ID at 572-5951 or 572-5920.

Blended Family workshop

A Blended Family workshop will be 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 12 in Life Skills, building 17. This workshop is designed to address the differences in parenting when involved in a step-parenting situation. The dynamics of step-parenting and biological parenting are not the same and traditional parenting styles do not often apply/work in blended families. The workshop takes age groupings of children and addresses the step-parenting styles per age group. The workshop also talks about the differences between the “biological family,” the “blended family” and the “step-parenting family.” The workshop is open to all. Participants need to call 572-7061 to RSVP.

For more information, call Mr. Howard Hill at 572-7061.

UFT selection board

The undergraduate flying training selection board will convene at the Air Force Personnel Center

Jan. 10, 2006. This board will review active duty applications for selection to pilot, navigator or air battle manager training. Those officers with a date of birth after April 1, 1976 and a TFCSD after April 1 2001, who meet all other eligibility criteria, will be eligible to apply for UFT. Applicants must send the completed application, postmarked by Nov. 23, to HQ AFPC/DPAOT 3, 550 C St. West, Suite 31, Randolph AFB, Texas, 78150-4733. Applicants must advise commanders/supervisors providing AF IMT 215 comments of the application deadline. Applications with incomplete or missing data may not be processed. All applicants must complete the Air Force Officer Qualification Test. Pilot applicants must complete the Basic Attributes Test. For details on application procedures, see AFI 36-2205 or contact the base formal training element at 572-5047.

FSC

The FSC offers the following classes and events at the FSC, building 40:

Basic Investments: 8 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday.

Advance Investments: 8 to 11 a.m., Wednesday.

For more information or to make reservations for an event, call the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the Web site at *wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc*.

Mexico restrictions

A struggle between criminal organizations for control of the lucrative narcotics trade is fueling violent criminal activity along the U.S.-Mexico border, especially in the vicinity of Nuevo Laredo. All potential Department of Defense travelers to the affected area should be briefed on the current situation. Commanders and personnel should conduct a risk assessment prior to travel. Country clearance is required for active duty military personnel on leave travel to Mexico per DoD directive 4500.54g, foreign clearance guide. Information on travel requirements is posted on the US-NORTHCOM FP Web site under the heading “theater clearance” on siprnet at *www.noradnorthcom.smil.mil/j3/j34* and on niprnet at *www.noradnorthcom.mil/j3/j34*.

Tobacco cessation classes begin on base

by Ms. Danielle Toste
Sunburst staff writer

Smoking cigarettes and chewing “dip” remain popular among many adults. Tobacco use also remains dangerous. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, tobacco users put themselves at greater risk of contracting illnesses that contribute to more than 430,000 deaths each year.

“Tobacco is an addiction,” said Chinda Lukowski, Health and Wellness specialist. “[Tobacco has] more than 4,000 different chemicals, including nicotine.”

Nicotine is highly addictive and provides an almost immediate “kick” because it causes a discharge of adrenaline from the adrenal cortex, and smoking can increase

the risk of cancer, heart attack, stroke, cataracts, child birth defects and premature death, according to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Smokeless tobacco puts users at risk of a number of mouth and throat cancers.

“Those who try to quit on their own are more likely to relapse,” Ms. Lukowski said, “due to stress, deployment, or financial trouble.”

That is why the Health and Wellness Center has designated August a tobacco cessation awareness month and has designed a four-week program to help those who want to quit.

“Seventy percent of those who smoke want to quit,” said Ms. Lukowski. “But they are unable to quit because they don’t

have the support or education to help make the commitment to stay tobacco-free.”

The four-week program is designed to meet individual needs including evaluation and feedback, one-on-one or group support, nicotine replacement, stress management, fitness assessment and nutrition and exercise prescription.

The classes started Tuesday and meet every Tuesday at 11 a.m. and Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center.

“Whether you are trying to quit or just thinking about it,” Ms. Lukowski said, “the HAWC can help you with your effort to quit and make the commitment to be tobacco free.”

Anyone interested can call 572-5785 to enroll in the next class.

Ready to quit?

There are many physical and health benefits to quitting smoking such as:

- It can help slow facial aging
- It can reduce the appearance of wrinkles
- It can eliminate the need for cholesterol-lowering medication
- It strengthens the immune system

MSS civilian wins Blacks in Government award

by Capt. Vince King Jr.
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

“A dynamic and innovative leader whose personal initiative and professional performance sets her apart from all peers,” was this year’s Team Holloman recipient of the Blacks in Government Meritorious Service award.

Ms. Carolyn Peeler, 49th Mission Support Squadron Manpower Programs and Special Projects chief, recently found out that she was the Air Combat Command and Air Force-level recipient and traveled to Orlando, Fla. for the banquet Wednesday.

According to the criteria, the award is given to outstanding civilians in the Department of Defense who have distinguished themselves with significant contributions to the advancement of African Americans and the nation, either through the global war on terrorism, community service, diversity programs or as a leader and role model.

“I was very surprised and at the same time very grateful,” said Ms. Peeler. “I could not have done it without the support of my family and friends and my office staff.”

When asked what she believes set her apart from the rest of her peers she said, “The fact that I have a lot of diversity in my work center. I’ve also had the opportunity to do a lot of unique projects.”

Ms. Lee Matthews, 49th Mission Sup-

port Squadron Manpower and Organization chief, agreed with Ms. Peeler’s statement. “Ms. Peeler takes the lead in most cases and the manpower team jumps in to assist,” said Ms. Matthews.

Although Ms. Peeler’s primary duties and responsibilities do not require participation in the civil rights, human rights, or mentoring environments, she has personally accepted these challenges and champions them by choice, Ms. Matthews said.

“In her role as supervisor, mentor and counselor, she displays the compassion, awareness and professionalism of a model leader,” Ms. Matthews said. “She is a proponent of team spirit and pride.”

Ms. Matthews said integrity is one core value that best describes Ms. Peeler.

“Ms. Peeler’s day-to-day ethics and values are head and shoulders above her contemporaries,” she said. “She keeps the wing’s best interest in mind when it comes to overall manpower regardless of her group or squadron’s special interests. Even though this is never an easy task, her concern, involvement and consideration are not driven by self interest. She consistently seeks to work issues in the best interest of all parties involved.”

Ms. Peeler said she volunteers because she wants to give back to the community that has given so much to her.



photo by Capt. Vince King Jr.

Ms. Lee Matthews (left), Manpower and Organization chief, and Ms. Carolyn Peeler, Programs and Special Projects chief, review manning documents for Team Holloman. Ms. Peeler was escorted by her supervisor, Ms. Matthews, to the Blacks in Government reception Wednesday in Orlando, Fla. where she recieved her meritorious service award.

“I spoke with a friend the other day and he said that the way was paved for us and now it is our time to keep the flame burning,” she said.

Ms. Peeler is active in both the base and Tularosa Basin communities. Some orga-

nizations she impacts daily are the African American Heritage Association, Desert Basin Toastmasters Club, Cancer Awareness Prevention Prevalence and Early Detection, Youth Centers Keystone Club and the Otero County NAACP chapter.



Photos by Senior Airman Jason Colbert

Mr. Bobby Aguilar, aircraft mechanic, puts on the front of an aileron actuator on A QF-4 drone Tuesday. Some of the QF-4 drones can still be piloted by humans from the cockpit while others are completely remote controlled.



Mr. Eric Smith, software engineer for the QF-4 drones, sits at his station and explains his job. Mr. Smith works with the QF-4's autopilot software.

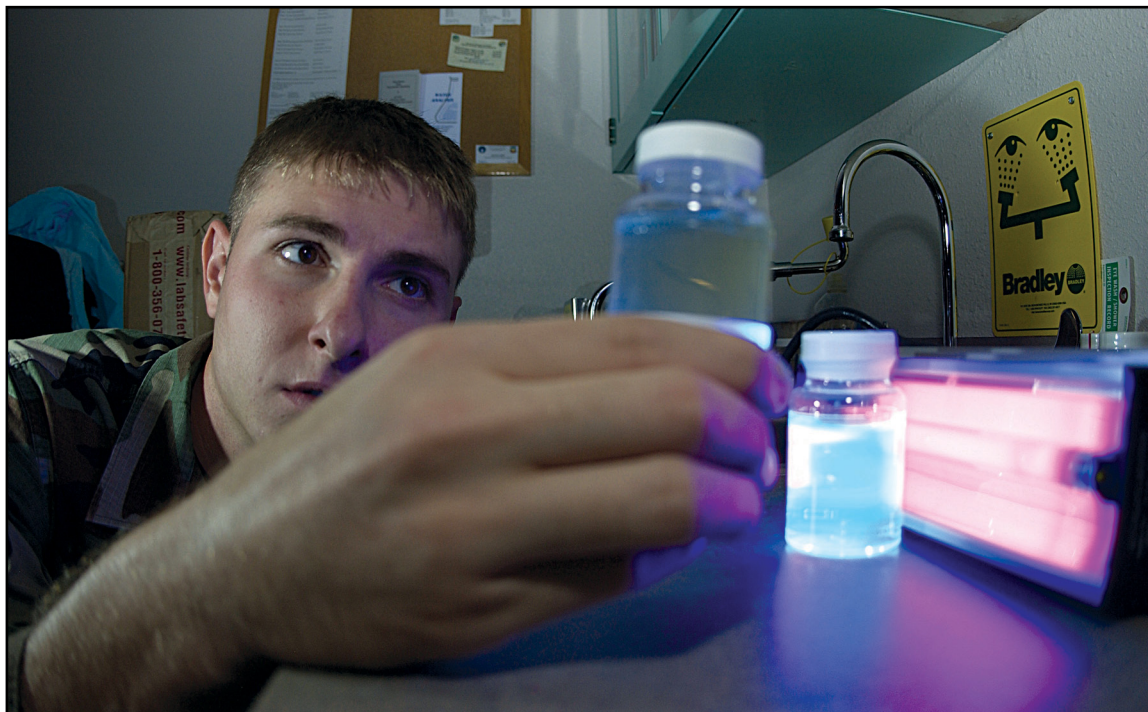
Keeping Holloman's drones 'alive'



Mr. James Luzano, aircraft mechanic, puts on the backside of an aileron actuator on a QF-4 drone.



A QF-4 drone sits on the Holloman AFB taxiway. The QF-4 drones, piloted both automatically and manually, are much-used Air Force training tools.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Russel Scaff

Senior Airman Joshua Casey, 49th ADOS, compares water samples in a black light for E. coli. Water samples are taken from public use areas such as the base pool and tested for contamination.



Staff Sgt. Stephen Jeffrey(right), Bioenvironmental Engineering Element NCO in charge of environmental detection, helps Airman 1st Class William Hamilton don a gas mask during a fit test.

Bioenvironmental unit watches unconventional hazards

by Spc. (Ret.) James Matise
Sunburst staff writer

A technologically superior Air Force is an Air Force that works with sophisticated machinery and volatile substances that can put Airmen in potentially dangerous environments. The 11-man Bioenvironmental Engineering Element's mission is to make sure Airmen are as protected as possible so they can continue the Air Force's mission.

The Bioenvironmental Engineering Element, a part of the 49th Medical Group, exists to locate any potential hazards among any of the various unit activities occurring on base and to protect against them.

"We have an environmental mission, an industrial hygiene mission, a deployment mission and a response mission," said Staff Sgt. Anna Wiegel, NCO in charge of industrial hygiene.

The element conducts routine air, soil and water tests on base to make sure contaminants remain at safe levels. It runs bacteriological tests on water from Holloman and Alamogordo sources and compiles the Consumer Confidence Report for Holloman's well water, which is required every year by law and states the level of contaminants detected in drinking water. Compared to allowable levels of contaminants in

drinking water, the level of contaminants in Holloman's water is almost nonexistent, Sergeant Wiegel said.

The element's industrial hygiene mission revolves around conducting health risk assessments at various unit activities on base and ensuring all applicable controls including the safety procedures and safety equipment being used by on-site workers is enough to protect them.

"Individual shops are categorized into three categories," Sergeant Wiegel said. "Category one is seen every year, category two is seen every other year and category three is seen as needed."

At each location, the engineers conduct air samples to ensure respiratory masks currently in use are satisfactory. Meters are used in areas where Airmen are often exposed to more than 85 decibels of noise to determine the type of hearing protection required by the Airmen exposed to the noise. Other health assessments are also conducted, she said.

"We'll get the results back and occupational health schedules exams and determines if there's extra health issues," she said.

When on a war footing, the element continues to perform its environmental and industrial missions, and also works to prevent Airmen casualties from nuclear, biological or

chemical exposure that could come as a result of combat operations.

One way this protection is achieved is by making sure the MCU-2 AP and M45 protective masks issued to all Airmen work. The element is in charge of verifying a proper fit through a computer analysis test. Each Airman dons and clears a mask, which is then hooked into a machine that can detect differences in particle concentrations in the air inside and outside the mask. The Airman tries different breathing methods and moves his head around to ensure there are no gaps in the mask's seal.

Gas mask testing is conducted by appointment only every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. and Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

The element also has deployable equipment that can detect and give early warning to harmful elements, Sergeant Wiegel said.

"Some pieces of equipment we have are used for detecting vapors and chemical reagents but can also be used for day-to-day operations to detect volatile compounds," she said.

The element gets plenty of practice with this equipment on base and is frequently called upon to investigate items such as suspicious packages and unidentified powder substances, Sergeant Wiegel said.

"Some of the suspicious powder

incidents have been interesting," she said. "We've had everything from powdered sugar to protein shakes ... people are aware of their surroundings, and that's good."

More frequently, the unit is called to respond to industrial accidents such as fuel spills that are too large to be contained before the ground is contaminated.

"Fuel gets spilled a lot," Sergeant Wiegel said. "If it's a larger spill, we'll do environmental sampling to see how much dirt needs to be taken out for cleaning."

The technical training required for this career field includes 14 weeks at Brooks City-Base, Texas and a six-month period at the first duty station where Airmen are required to take career development courses. The extensive training is worth it, said Airman 1st Class Joseph Bonita, a bioenvironmental engineering technician.

"It's a good job, and once they call you out to respond it's 100 times better," Airman Bonita said. "Responses are the best part of it. There's always something different."



Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Oblinger and Airman 1st Class Joseph Bonita, 49th ADOS, simulate a hazardous material spill requiring level A suits.

Proper wear of PPE can save your life

by 1st Lt. Scott Smith
9th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Last week, a friend's 9-year-old little daughter had to make a trip to the hospital. It seems that she had fallen off of her bicycle and clobbered the sidewalk with a considerable amount of enthusiasm. Fortunately, she was wearing her helmet, so her injuries were limited to a bit of road-rash on her shoulder and a really bad headache. Had she not been wearing the helmet, a severe head injury would have been certain.

Her accident reminded me

of my own bicycle accident, which I'll describe in a minute

The purpose of this article is to highlight the importance of properly wearing personal protective equipment during any activity that requires it. We know to wear it on the job: our books and technical data say we must. But sometimes, off-duty, we overlook obvious risks.

And now, back to my accident. I was riding my ten-speed bike to work before sunrise. I had a working front headlight, a reflective belt, a reflective vest and most importantly, a helmet. As I came down the main road on base, I approached an inter-

section where the lanes of traffic did not have a stop sign. The road perpendicular to mine did have a stop sign.

Moving along briskly at a third of the national speed limit, I saw a black Honda nearing the intersection slow ever-so-slightly before the driver gunned the engine and drove through the intersection.

This was bad for me, because I occupied the space that she tried to enter with her vehicle. I remember being *angry*, and as I rolled across the hood I took my anger out on her windshield wiper. Continuing, my anger was felt by her driver's side mir-

ror, and on along the side of her car. *Black Honda Down!*

The accident occurred in front of the enlisted club, where several emergency medical personnel were attending a quarterly awards breakfast. When they received the 911 call, they simply left their orange juice and bagels, and visited me on the pavement. My injuries consisted of minor scrapes and bruises but my helmet was *cracked in half!* My cranium acknowledged this fact, and promptly thanked the deity of polyacrylic or whatever the helmets are made of nowadays.

The moral to my story is plain

to see: Possessing and *properly* wearing required personnel protective equipment can save your life. Maybe not today, but time has a way of compounding interest, bad luck, and memories. And to throw caution to the wind and ignore your PPE is a controlled form of self-destructive behavior, which my doctor tells me is not good for you.

During the remainder of the 101 critical days of summer and for the rest of the year, please remember to assess the risks, control the risks by using PPE, and only accept those risks that you can mitigate to a manageable level.

Holloman Salutes



The following Airmen graduated from the Airman Professional Enhancement Course July 28:

49th Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Jeremy Mayar
Airman 1st Class Aaron Snow

49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Daniel Shular
Senior Airman Shannon Thomas

49th Comptroller Squadron

Senior Airman Yavine Brewer

49th Operations Group

Senior Airman Albert Martinek
Senior Airman Adrian Mask

49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Daniel Ruhana
Senior Airman Karen Stephens
Senior Airman Steven Cypress
Senior Airman Bryon Schmidt
Senior Airman Justin Marks
Airman 1st Class Richard McBurney

49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Everette Addison
Senior Airman Mari Richardson

49th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Jimlord Joya
Senior Airman Braulio Jimenez
Senior Airman Harold Ragasa
Senior Airman Michael Samuel
Senior Airman David Soares

49th Services Squadron

Senior Airman Heather Hartman

Congratulations to all of these outstanding Airmen!

Corley confirmed as new vice chief

The Senate confirmed Lt. Gen. John D. Corley on Aug. 1 as the next Air Force vice chief of staff. He will be promoted to the rank of general.

General Corley, who is currently the principal deputy for the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, will replace Gen. T. Michael Moseley. The senate confirmed General Moseley as the next Air Force chief of staff July 1.

General Corley entered the Air Force in 1973 and has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels. He has more than 3,000 flying hours with combat experience.

As combined air operations center director supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, General Corley coordinated more than 11,000 combat missions striking more than 4,700 targets.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal. (AFPN)

DUI Update

Days since last DUI **70**
DUIs this year **14**
This week last year **28**

Last six DUIs

• 49 CS	Feb. 14	• 49 CES	April 17
• 49 CES	Feb. 22	• 49 OSS	May 6
• GAF	March 7	• 49 MMSS	May 27

572-RIDE works!
539 saves this year, 2 saves this week

Air Force pioneers

ACROSS

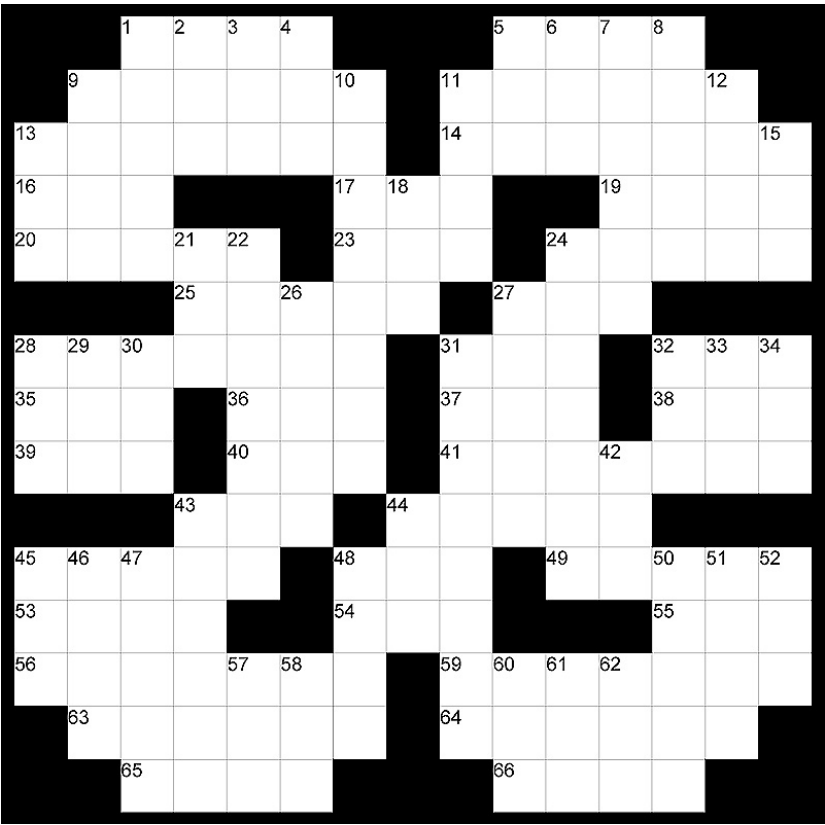
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- 5. Tied up
- 9. Name for USAF personnel
- 11. Matrix
- 13. Flight pioneer Octave; Wright Bros. advisor
- 14. Flight pioneer R.F. ____; trophy namesake
- 16. Author
- 17. Pay during a PCS
- 19. Middle East country
- 20. Gather
- 23. Osan AB host country currency
- 24. Plank
- 25. Wrote fables
- 27. Capture
- 28. Written semantics
- 31. Russian space station
- 32. Morning moisture
- 35. Help
- 36. Bother
- 37. ____ a Wonderful Life
- 38. Pacific NW state
- 39. Dirt
- 40. USN equivalent to AFB
- 41. Walked on
- 43. Winter mon.

- 44. Oak starter
- 45. Ford flop
- 48. Former ACC boss/acting CSAF (1995)
- 49. USAF pioneer Maj Gen Hugh ____; First GHQAF Chief of Staff
- 53. Hawaiian city
- 54. Pub order
- 55. Meadow
- 56. Western Africa denizen
- 59. Flight pioneer Samuel P. ____; Wright Bros. competitor
- 63. USAF pioneer Henry H. ____; Only General of the Air Force
- 64. Comedy duo ____ & Hardy
- 65. Camera parts
- 66. Perfect score (two words)

DOWN

- 1. Roman goddess of hunting
- 2. Vase
- 3. Flightless bird
- 4. Permit
- 5. System or tourism lead-in

- 6. Actor Kilmer
- 7. WWI Air Force ace ____ Springs
- 8. Nigerian currency
- 9. Attention getter
- 10. CBS, NBC, ABC, etc.
- 11. Browse
- 12. Admiral type
- 13. Accountant title
- 15. Mission for AFMC, in short
- 18. Clip
- 21. American “Uncle”
- 22. Influential
- 24. Raving
- 26. Kitchen “wrap”
- 27. Containing the univalent group NO2
- 28. Fuel
- 29. ____ de Janeiro
- 30. Compute
- 31. USAF pioneer Maj. Gen. William ____; “Father of USAF”
- 32. SECDEF’s org.
- 33. Before, poetically
- 34. Married
- 42. ____ Arbor
- 43. Actress Tripplehorn



- 44. Internet provider
- 45. Heart monitor, in short
- 46. Qatar capital
- 47. Knot up
- 48. Touch down, as in flight
- 50. Actress DeGeneres
- 51. Fishing need

- 52. Baltimore Ravens star Lewis
- 57. Charged particle
- 58. USAF NCO PME
- 60. Auto club
- 61. Bolt counterpart
- 62. Graduate student exam, in brief

Answers on page 16



Tech. Sgt. Jacqueline Jones 49th Medical Operations Squadron



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

Duty Title: Family Practice Clinic NCO in charge

Time in service: 17.5 years

Time at Holloman: One year

Hometown: At age 11, I became an Army dependent. So, I guess the world is my oyster.

Personal and career goals: I'd like to make master sergeant and learn how to manage on a different level. I'm also looking forward to retiring and seeing what else life has to offer.

What new idea would you implement base-wide to help prevent drinking and driving? Beyond physically monitoring individuals 24-7, I believe we've exhausted all reasonable possibilities. People need to be held responsible for the decisions they make and learn from them. That's a personal decision each individual must make, and is unfortunately beyond our control. I think hearing from someone who has had first-hand experience with the issue is a good deterrent, but is sadly more effective after the fact.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to

you? Serving in the Air Force encourages people to become model citizens. The Air Force has given me the discipline to become a productive member of society. These are attributes not only necessary for the military, but for life in general. Also, the camaraderie is second to none.

What accomplishment during your Air Force career are you most proud of? Handling a full-time career and raising my son at the same time; that's probably my biggest accomplishment.

Core value portrayed: "Tech. Sgt. Jones epitomizes the 'Service Before Self' core value. During the ORE/ORI she worked 12-hour days including four weekends straight reviewing and updating medical records in preparation for the inspection. Leading from the front she looked after her Airmen and ensured they received the breaks they needed while she remained in the clinic finalizing all processes and ensuring the job was well done."

—Lt. Col. Soledad Lindo-Moon
Former 49th MDOS commander



Photo by Spc. (Ret.) James Matise

Tasty food at the luau

Senior Airman Ben Yost, 49th Fighter Wing legal office, serves up a traditional Filipino dish, Chicken Adobo and potatoes, at the Asian Pacific Islanders Club food tasting fundraiser July 29 in the base chapel annex. Many Team Holloman members turned out to a lunch that included other foods popular among the Pacific region, including white rice, a noodles and cabbage dish called Pancit, and Lumpia, a finger food much like an egg roll.

Holloman
Salutes



Congratulations to the following
49th Fighter Wing 2nd Quarter
awards winners:

Airman:
Senior Airman Joshua E. Dupree
49th Maintenance Squadron

NCO:
Tech. Sgt. Larry D. McEntire, Jr.
49th Maintenance Squadron

Senior NCO:
Senior Master Sgt. Edgar A. Poe III
49th Operations Support Squadron

First sergeant:
Master Sgt. Linda F. Anderson
49th Medical Group

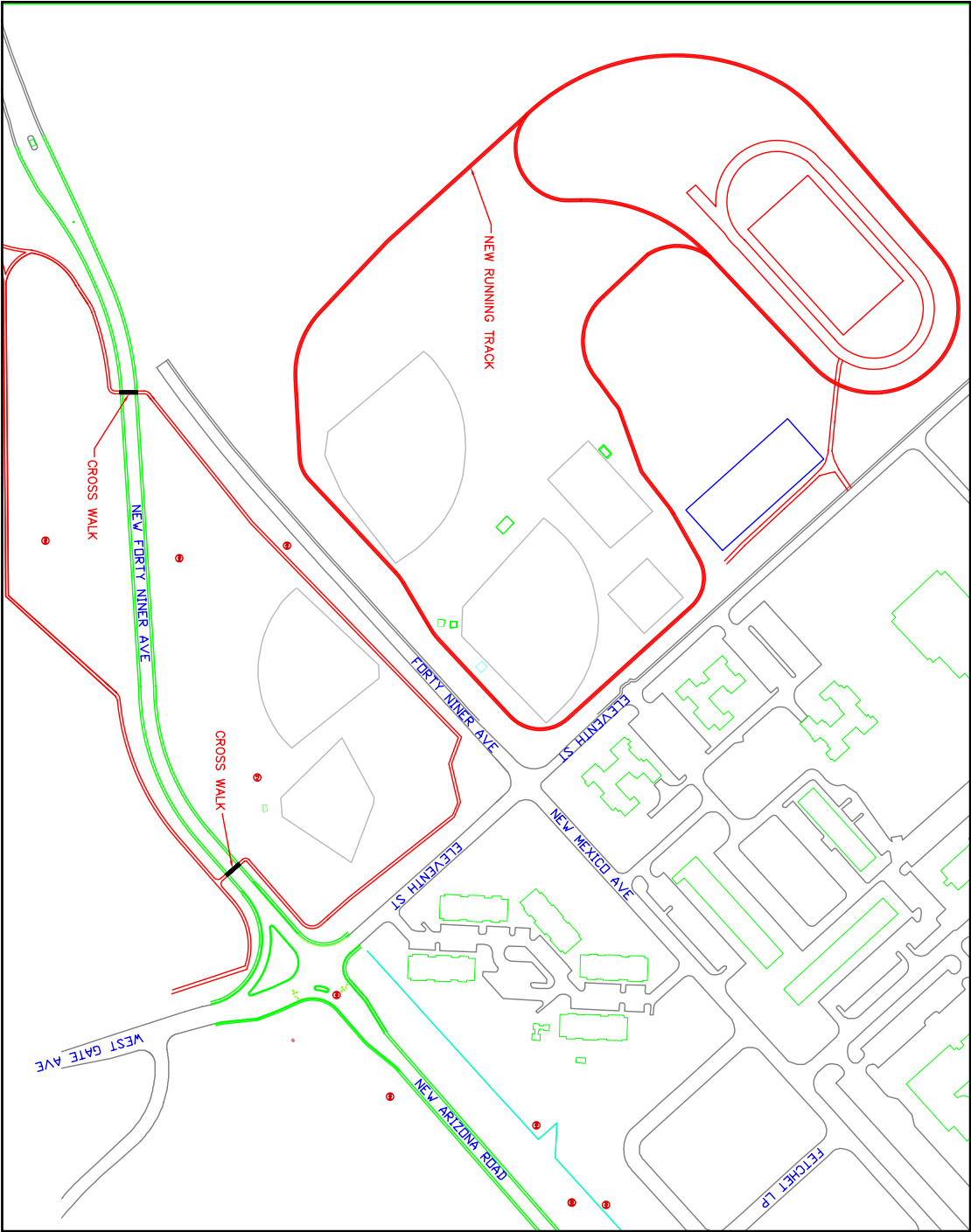
Company grade officer:
Capt. Mark L. Caudill
49th Communications Squadron

GS-8 and below:
Patti J. Ren
49th Comptroller Squadron

GS-9 and above:
Mark L. Ledford
49th Civil Engineer Squadron

New running track to open

The road construction project to connect Arizona Ave. to Forty-Niner Ave. and build a new thoroughfare to the west area of base is nearing completion. At the completion of the project all of the running paths in the area will be reconnected and reopened. Slightly adjusted routes and new crosswalks will allow joggers to safely cross the new road. Please refer to the drawing below. The estimated completion date for new road and running paths is Oct. 1.



Crossword answers

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Answers from page 13

On the BIG SCREEN

War of the Worlds (PG-13)
6 p.m., today

Herbie: Fully Loaded (G)
3 p.m., Saturday

Herbie: Fully Loaded (G)
6 p.m., Saturday

Bewitched (PG-13)
6 p.m., Sunday

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses
– 11:30 a.m., Monday,
Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday.

Sunday – Catholic
Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• Sacrament of Penance,
4 p.m.

• General Protestant
Worship Service, 11 a.m.

• Protestant Sunday
School is 9:30 a.m. and
Catholic Religious Educa-
tion is 10:30 a.m., Sunday
at Holloman Intermediate
School.

‘Round the base he goes



photo by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

Anthony Carvalho, 49th OSS Nighthawks, rounds third base on his way to home plate during Wednesday’s softball game against the 49th CES B team. The Nighthawks edged past the CES B team to a 19-17 victory.

SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD

Aug. 1

Vandenburg field
49 MMG B 20, 49 CS 17
49 CES A 20, 49 MMG B 5
49 MMG A 21, 49 FW/MSS 18
49 MMG A 32, 49 MXS/Avionics 18

Johnson field
49 LRS 27, 49 OSS 22
49 LRS 21, 49 SVS 9
49 CES B 15, 49 MDG A 10
49 CES B 15, 46 TG 5

Aug. 2

Vandenburg field
49 MMG A 23, 49 CES A 14
49 MDG A 18, 49 MMG B 17
46 TG 21, 49 CS 19
49 OSS 20, 49 MDG A 19
49 CES A 20, 49 MMG B 5

Johnson Field
49 LRS 26, 49 CES 4
49 OSS 26, 49 MXS/Avionics 9
49 SVS 29, 49 FW/MSS 12
49 SVS 28, 46 TG 13

Large unit standings

Team	Win	Loss
49 MMG A	11	6
49 CES A	11	6
49 MDG A	11	7
49 CES B	9	8
49 MXS/Ammo	8	9
49 LRS A	7	10
49 SFS	5	14
49 MXG	0	2

(Current as of July 25)

Small unit standings

Team	Win	Loss
49 SVS	19	2
49 MXS/Avionics	14	5
46 TG	15	6
46 OSS	13	7
49 MMG B	12	8
49 CS	12	8
4 SPCS	9	10
49 FW/MSS	10	12
49 MXS/MXMT	9	12
49 MDG B	7	13
9 FS	7	15
49 CS B	3	15
49 CES C	2	14
Lady Nighthawks	0	5

(Current as of July 25)

